We Respond

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 53)

ANTIPHON: The Lord upholds my life.

RESPONSE: The Lord upholds my life.

LECTOR: O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause. O God, hear my prayer; listen to the words of my mouth. **R**.

LECTOR: For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life. They have no regard for God. **R**.

LECTOR: But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good. **R**.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn) You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Or

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

TODAY'S READINGS Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16 - 4:3; Mark 9:30-37

NEXT WEEK (26th Sunday of Year B) Numbers 11:25-29; Psalm 18; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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Being like 'little children'

19 September 2021 25th Sunday Year B

Imagine the scene. Jesus and his disciples are making their way along the road to Capernaum. Being a few paces away from the others, Jesus is not part of their conversation. Nonetheless he picks up the vibe: the disciples are squabbling among themselves. So, when they arrive at their destination, Jesus confronts them: "What were you arguing about along the road?" Attempting to cover their shame, the disciples say nothing.

Before advancing the story, let us put it in context. Just a few days earlier, Jesus had taken Peter, James and John to Mt Tabor, some thirty miles from Capernaum, where he was shown in all his glory. Then, on the way down the mountain, they came across a boy possessed by an unclean spirit. The disciples try unsuccessfully to heal the boy. Jesus says, "Bring him to me," and the boy is healed. The disciples reaction: "Why could not we heal the boy"? Their concern is not with the boy, but with their own power.

Jesus has been telling the disciples that the Son of Man was to suffer and die, but after three days would rise again. Understandably, too many things are being said and done by Jesus. The disciples are confounded, confused. Their response is to fear Jesus: "They did not understand what he said and were too afraid to ask". So, what do they do? They start debating about which one of them is the greatest!

We can picture the scene. Peter argues he has been appointed leader of the group. John announces his special intimacy with Jesus. His brother, James, known for his fiery temperament, portrays himself as the most courageous. Philip reminds them it was he Jesus first approaches about feeding the five thousand. But, says Andrew, it was me who found the boy with five barley loaves and two fish without which there would be no miracle. Judas harangues them all: without financial planning (his special gift), the discipleship mission would collapse.

But Jesus has had enough. And so he calls the Twelve to him and says simply: "If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last and servant of all". Although the disciples should immediately relate this to Jesus' earlier teachings, such as the Sermon on the Mount, he knows all too well people with ears so often cannot hear! So Jesus, ever the true teacher, takes a little child, symbol of vulnerability, telling them they too must become like "little children" if they are to learn true discipleship. We are not told how the disciples reacted. Hopefully, they began to realise the question of "who is the greatest" is very much the wrong question. The questions we need to ask are: how can I become like a little child; how can I best learn to serve others; how can I put my ego aside to be an instrument of God's love for others in our world?

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MASS TIME TABLE

SATURDAY	**Vigil Mass of Sunday**	**6.30pm**
SUNDAY	**Morning Masses**	**7.30am** **9.45am**
	Evening Mass	**6.30pm**
WEEKDAYS	**Monday, Thursday & Saturday**	**9.00am**
	Tuesday – Communion Service – 9.00am	
	ROSARY – Pray the rosary each weekday before morning Mass. **Also every Wednesday evening, from 7.30pm - 8.15pm. All welcome.**	
RECONCILIATION	**Available by request**	
BAPTISMS	**SUNDAYS ONLY at 11.00 & 11.30am**	

Palmyra Parish warmly welcomes new parishioners and invites you to record your contact details in the "New Parishioner" book at the entrance to the church. Any parishioner is invited to make comments or suggestions on parish matters at any time to the Parish Pastoral Council via email olfparishcouncil@gmail.com

Fatima Parish Hall is available for hire by parishioners or friends. Parishioners wanting further information, please contact **MAGGIE TRAVIA on 9339 2600/Mob: 0419 939 050.**

MORNING TEA – Enjoy a cuppa in the parish hall after 9.00am Mass every Monday. All are welcome!

Keep the Parish Office Posted, Please: Should you, at any time, be in the process of moving home, or moving to another suburb, city, state or country, it would be appreciated if you could inform Fr Francis or the parish secretary, in order to enable us update our database. Thank you. Email: emyfrank@iinet.net.au

OUR LADY OF FATIMA SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

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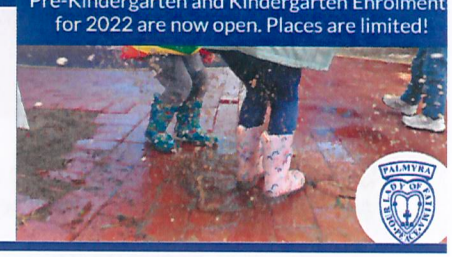

TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS – THE FIFTH PLENARY COUNCIL FOR THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA. We are looking for people with experience with Microsoft Teams to provide assistance with the online meetings of the Plenary Council first Assembly. Training will be provided for all involved. Teams Support People will need to be available from 8am to 3pm AWST on the days of the Assembly on the 3rd to the 10th of October. **Further info:** Olivia Lee, olivia.lee@catholic.org.au

MUSICAL VARIETY CONCERT – CARAD FUNDRAISER

The 'West Coast Do Gooders' are proud to present a Musical Variety Concert in support of Perth's Centre for Asylum Seekers, Refugees and Detainees (CARAD) on **Sunday 31st October, 2pm – 5pm.** This will be a hugely enjoyable evening of entertainment to raise funds for a very worthy cause. For more information contact Marita: 0417 096 703 **Tickets:** https://www.trybooking.com/BTWLE

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CULTURAL DIVERSITY MASS, SUNDAY 24 OCT - ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

Come celebrate the connection between culture and faith that makes our church so vibrant on **Sunday 24 October 2021 at 11am at St Mary's Cathedral, Perth.** Dress in cultural attire and enjoy this event with family and friends.
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ANNIVERSARY MASSES FROM "THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE - SEPTEMBER

ANDERSON Len, **CASILLI** Cono, **CICCARELLI** Vincenzo, **COATES** Kerry, **COLLERAN** James Patrick, **COLEMAN** Clint, **COLEMAN** Phillipa Ellen, **CULLEN** Bridget, **DEBONO** Joe, **GALIPO** Sam, **GRIER** Teresa, **GRIER** John, **HALL** Douglas, **HALL** Mary Marcella, **HUMPHRIES** William Francis (Billy), **KENNY** Thomas Francis, **MANGANO** Antonia, **MANGANO** Rosa, **McANDREW** Thomas, **MARTINOVICH** Geraldine Anne, **NOLAN** Francis, **PAGANONI** William, **PITMAN** Brian, **REGAN** Catherine Johanna, **REGAN** Danny, **SAPIENZA** Antonino, **SAPIENZA** Giuseppe, **TAGLIAFERRI** Giulia Pierina, **TESORIERO** Pietro.